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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL ) DOCKET NO. L-00000B-15-0059-00170  
IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, IN )  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE ) CASE No. 170  
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED )  
STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, et seq., FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ) ARIZONA COMMUNITY UNITED'S  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE PRICE ) REQUEST FOR ORDER OF CEASE  
ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT, NON-GILA ) AND DESIST  
RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY PORTION )  
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CHANDLER, )  
ARIZONA OR WITHIN MARICOPA COUNTY. )

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Communities United,

N. Laine Schoneberger personally and on behalf of Arizona Communities United, representing over 2000 individuals in South Chandler is requesting that the Arizona Corporation Commission issue a Cease and Desist order against Salt River Project (SRP) as it is our belief that SRP is engaging in fraudulent and deceptive practices.

Throughout the process of garnering the CEC from the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (the "Committee") for the above referenced docket number, SRP has lead the public to believe that [they] SRP, have engaged in "exhaustive efforts" to communicate with the public over the last 2 ½ years. It has come to our attention per (EXHIBIT 1) that SRP is using fraudulent and deceptive practices to keep its customers and the community in the dark and garner support that they have not earned.

SRP has led the community to believe that through their "exhaustive efforts", they have given everyone along the chosen route the opportunity to participate in community meetings and public forums. Additionally, they've indicated that they have received many

1 accolades and “thank you’s” for their tireless efforts.

2       However; Per Exhibit 1, as taken from the FAQ section of the SRP website, and as  
3 disseminated to the media through various sources, SRP has only received accolades and  
4 “thank you’s” for their “tireless efforts” from businesses and residents on the dismissed  
5 route options as well as from various organizations that have no bearing in the South  
6 Chandler area. For example, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce letter of support, the  
7 Greater Phoenix Economic Council letter of support & Arizona Technology Council letter  
8 of support. While the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and the Senior Pastor Michael D.  
9 Sproul letters of support were at least from organizations within the city of Chandler city  
10 limits, none of the above mentioned organizations have any connection to the South  
11 Chandler area which is currently the proposed site of the new 230 KV high-voltage power  
12 lines.

13       Arizona Communities United is struggling to find any documentation from any  
14 individual, business or Homeowners Association expressing any gratitude or support of  
15 SRP’s alleged exemplary service and communication with the community. In fact, it has  
16 been our experience that the people along the chosen route were never included or notified  
17 of any public meetings. Therefore, SRP is currently participating in fraudulent and  
18 deceptive practices through propaganda and advertising, leading people to believe that SRP  
19 has the support of the community when in fact they do not.

20       Therefore, we are requesting a cease-and-desist order that demands SRP stop  
21 implying or stating that they have the support of the community. Additionally, we are  
22 demanding an on air and in print apology for leading the public to believe what is not true.

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2 Respectfully submitted,

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7 Individually and on behalf of AZ Communities United

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# EXHIBIT

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## Price Road Corridor 230kV transmission project

Economic development is occurring in areas of Tempe and Chandler as high-tech companies and industrial manufacturers expand operations and build new facilities. As a result, SRP is forecasting increased demand for energy in the area known as the Price Road Corridor (PRC).

To maintain reliable electric service and serve the growing employment center, SRP will need to construct new 230-kilovolt (kV) overhead power lines and two new 230kV substations.

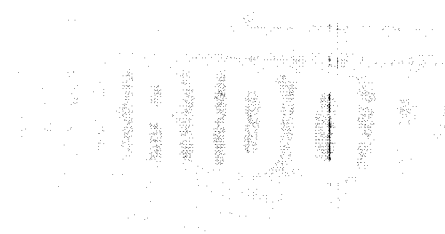
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### New project information

SRP has temporarily suspended its effort to seek approval from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for its Price Road Corridor 230-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project in the East Valley following a vote from the Gila River Indian Community Council that rejected Right of Way (ROW) consent on Community lands.

The vote on May 6 followed three years of work by SRP to obtain a route alternative for the project on the Community.

The Siting Committee issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) to SRP on April 1 following three days of testimony, discussion and public comment. The Siting Committee's decision was scheduled to go to the five-member ACC on May 12. SRP has requested that this be postponed. The Commission has indicated they will take no action at the open meeting.

Additional information is available in our news release dated May 8, 2015.

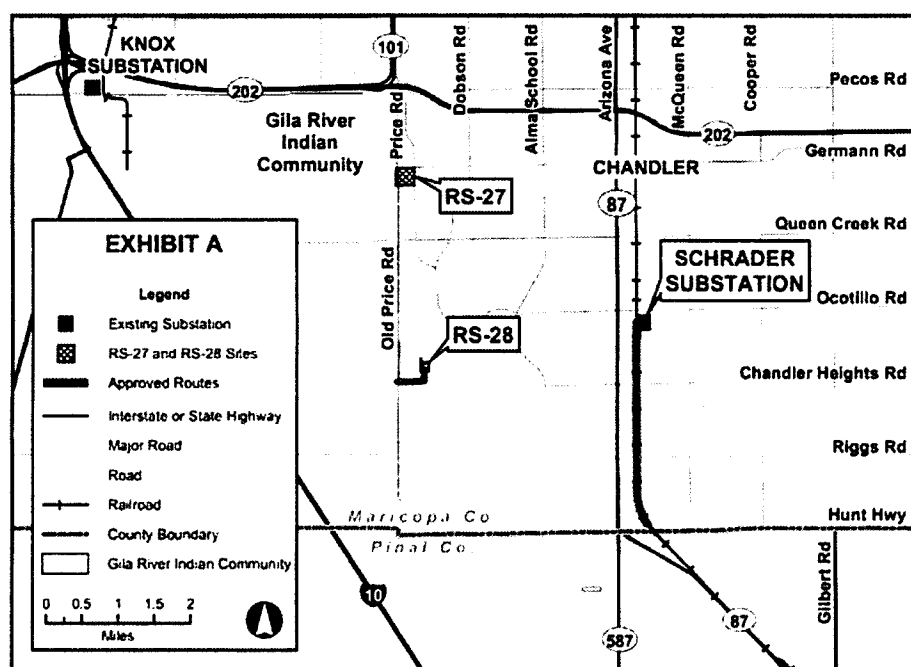
## Rigorous public process

SRP recently concluded an extensive 2-1/2 year public siting process. By gathering input from residents, businesses and key stakeholders, including the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), SRP developed route options that almost entirely avoid impact to private land, homes and businesses along the PRC.

Having secured a route option on GRIC land for a major component of the project, SRP filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for the remaining route options not on GRIC land.

The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee held public hearings March 30–April 1, the Siting Committee approved SRP's Schrader to GRIC preferred alternative by a 9-0 vote with 1 abstention. This recommendation was forwarded to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for final determination. The item was placed on the May 12 – 13 open meeting agenda. On May 8, SRP filed a letter with the ACC requesting removal of the Application for Approval of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility from the agenda.

## MAP OF THE SITING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION





## Siting committee recommendation

SRP filed CEC application with the ACC on Feb. 27. The Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee held public hearings March 30-April 1, 2015.

The application included route options from Schrader Substation south to the GRIC boundary at Hunt Highway and a short segment from the GRIC boundary on the west to the new proposed RS-28 substation, and the RS-27 substation site, which borders the GRIC boundary.

The committee approved SRP's Schrader to GRIC preferred alternative, which follows a commercial corridor with an active railroad line, and an existing 69kV line. SRP will co-locate the 69kV and 230kV lines on one set of poles, resulting in about half as many poles although they will be about twice as tall. The Line Siting Committee also approved the two new substation components. You can [download the map](#) associated with the committee's recommendation.



## Overall project description

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- A new single-circuit 230kV power line from the Schrader substation near Arizona Avenue and Ocotillo Road to a new 230kV substation (referred to as RS-28) in the southern portion of the PRC
- A new double-circuit 230kV power line from the Knox substation near Pecos Road and 56th Street to a new 230kV substation (referred to as RS-27) and on to RS-28
- A new 230kV line from the Kyrene substation near Elliot Road and Kyrene Road in Tempe to the Knox substation that will bring additional power into the region. This component has been eliminated due to SRP purchase of a portion of the existing APS 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the same corridor.




## Current route alternatives

### **Knox to RS-27 to RS-28 component:**

- This component is now planned to be located on the Gila River Indian Community

### **Schrader to RS-28 component:**

- Alternatives from Schrader south to the GRIC boundary will be included in the CEC application
- A small segment from the GRIC boundary to RS-28 will be located on private land and included in the CEC application

A map showing the Siting Committee's recommendation  and the previous Phase 4 map  are available. You can also download the Phase 4 aerial photo with map overlay .

## Extensive GRIC-route efforts

SRP extended the project schedule during fall 2014 to pursue a route alternative on GRIC land. Based on our review of the records and the following accomplishments, SRP will include a GRIC route in the Price Road Corridor project.

- Community District 4 Council approval
- Endorsement from the Community's Utility Authority
- Extensive work to obtain land surveys and land appraisals for the U.S. Office of Appraisal Services (OAS)
- Approval of National Environmental Policy Act requirements, as determined by an environmental assessment conducted by the BIA; BIA issued Finding of No Significant Impact August 2014.

- Prior to our consent effort, the GRIC completed an effort to obtain additional ownership of allotments through the Federal Buy Back Program
- SRP then obtained the remaining consents required from Allottees

Final BIA approval of the route, called a Grant of Right of Way, will occur after the CEC is approved. In addition, SRP must receive various approvals from the GRIC and the SRP Board of Directors.

[More about the route alternative on Community lands](#)

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## Frequently asked questions

Get answers to your questions about the Price Road Corridor project here.

## Public outreach

In January 2013, SRP and its consultant, ENValue, LLC, began the public process for the PRC 230kV project. SRP held open houses at three locations during January 2013 (Phase 1) to introduce the project to the community residents, business and other stakeholders. In April 2013, the project team held Phase 2 open houses, again at three locations, to share preliminary proposed route options. SRP hosted a third set of open houses, called Phase 2.5, at three locations in June 2013.

In the fall of 2013, the project team announced revising the project schedule to allow more time to work with the GRIC on a possible route alternative on the reservation.

In winter 2014, the project team confirmed for the public that we continue to work with the GRIC. In May 2014, Phase 3 Project Communications were announced to the public.

In July and December 2014, the project team announced it was continuing efforts to develop an alternative transmission line route on the GRIC land. The project team reported in November and December that schedule extensions were needed to facilitate the efforts.

With SRP's two-year effort to obtain Allottee consent for a route alternative on the Gila River Indian Community complete, many of the private land route options for the project were eliminated. SRP held a fourth and final set of public open houses on Feb. 18 and 19, 2015 to share the final route alternatives with the public. With the filing of the CEC on Feb. 27, 2015, SRP's public process was complete.

Numerous letters of support have been written to the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding the public process and the project itself:

- [Arizona Technology Council letter of support](#)
- [Chandler Chamber of Commerce letter of support](#)
- [Greater Phoenix Economic Council letter of support](#)
- [Senior Pastor Michael D. Sproul letter of support](#)
- [Tempe Chamber of Commerce letter of support](#)

Additional information about the project is available in the [document archive](#).

You are encouraged to register for email project updates via the [online comment form](#).

## Siting study

SRP narrowed the route alternatives using the siting criteria developed through the siting study, public input, and the feasibility of construction and maintenance. Siting criteria included consideration of potential environmental effects of the route, as well as current and anticipated land uses. The final route alternatives were presented to the public during the final open house meetings held in February 2015 and were included in SRP's application to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC).

## Project timeline

SRP submitted an application for a CEC to the ACC. The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee held hearings March 30–April 1, 2015. The siting committee's decision was sent to the ACC, which will then make a final determination on the project. The commission's agendas are available on the [ACC website](#).

Hearings were held March 30 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort Ballroom, 1. N. San Marcos Dr, Chandler. The hearing continued on March 31 and April 1. In addition, a special evening public comment session was held on March 30 at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort. More information about the CEC process, including how to submit a comment, is available on the [ACC website](#).

The first component of the project, Schrader to RS-28, is expected to be energized by summer 2017.

## Parallel federal process

SRP has been working with the GRIC and the BIA through the federal National Environmental Policy Act process to pursue possible route alternatives on the GRIC land. Even if SRP is granted a permit to build transmission lines on the community's lands, a CEC is needed for portions of the lines that cross private lands.



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## Contact us

If you have questions, you may use our [online comment form](#).

For more information about the project, please call toll-free (855) 584-1484.

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Wednesday, March 3, 2015

Chairman Susan Bitter Smith  
Commissioner Bob Stump  
Commissioner Bob Burns  
Commissioner Tom Forese  
Commissioner Doug Little

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Chairman Bitter Smith and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Arizona Technology Council, I am writing in support of the Price Road Corridor 230kV Transmission Line Siting Project currently proposed by Salt River Project (SRP).

As the driving force behind making our state the fastest growing technology hub in the nation, the Arizona Technology Council understands the economic development projections anticipated for the Price Road industrial areas of Tempe and Chandler.

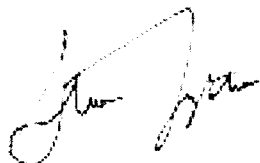
The Council is also Arizona's principal advocate for technology companies and is dedicated to furthering the advancement of technology in Arizona. As such, we support the vision of high-tech companies and industrial manufacturers who aspire to expand operations and build new facilities in this region.

The Council has met with SRP regarding the proposed transmission project. We concur that the new 230kV transmission system and associated substation facilities will provide additional capacity, greater reliability and enhance the overall electric system for existing and future high-tech industrial SRP customers in south Tempe and Chandler. SRP has conducted a robust public process to identify the submitted transmission line alternative routes as well as substation locations. In addition to securing a route on the Gila River Indian Community, SRP has reached agreement with the Community as a project participant, facilitating both greater power delivery capability for the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority and the opportunity for the GRIC to pursue their desire to site a new solar energy resource.

We advocate for approval of the project as outlined in SRP's application so that future planning can proceed with a determination of where the facilities will be located.

Identification of new transmission line corridors is clearly a benefit to the high-tech vision that has been planned for this area since the 1980's. The Arizona Technology Council recommends approval of this important and necessary infrastructure project.

Sincerely,  
ARIZONA TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL



Steven G. Zylstra  
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March 9, 2015

Chairman Susan Bitter Smith  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
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RE: Docket No. L-00000B-15-0059-00170

Dear Chairman Susan Bitter Smith and Commissioners:

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce are advocates for business-friendly policies at federal, state, county and local levels. We try to attract new businesses, employees and industries to the community while helping our members grow their businesses. The Chamber is a longtime supporter of development throughout the City of Chandler and, to that end, have supported the many years of planning for anticipated growth along the Price Road Corridor.

In developing our 2015 legislative document, "How We Stand" guide for Chandler issues, we stated the following:

"In order to ensure a safe, reliable, and affordable provision of services to Arizona industrial, commercial and residential consumers, the Chandler Chamber supports policies and legislation that support the continued development of statewide energy and telecommunications infrastructure including support for; a financially healthy electric grid, policies, initiatives, and investments that enhance Arizona's energy infrastructure system. "

While locating new infrastructure is always sensitive, SRP has worked diligently to minimize the overall impact to surrounding communities.

The Chandler Chamber supports SRP's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility as submitted and we encourage the Commission to approve this project

Sincerely,

Terri Kimble  
Chandler Chamber of Commerce  
President/CEO



March 13, 2015

The Honorable Susan Bitter Smith  
Chairman  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Chairman Bitter Smith and Commissioners:

The Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) is the region's premier economic development organization, comprised of Maricopa County, 22 communities, and over 170 private-sector members. Our primary mission is to drive quality investments to our member communities, and strengthen the surrounding economy by spurring job growth and creating opportunities for companies.

Throughout our region, there is opportunity for new commercial and industrial growth in the various industry clusters that exist, including the high tech sectors at the Price Road Corridor in south Tempe and Chandler, home to numerous businesses, such as Intel, Orbital Sciences and Freescale. As an organization, we work with our communities in our mission to attract new development and business expansions for areas like the PRC that will bring even more leading-edge companies and high paying jobs to the region.

Our partner, Salt River Project, joins us in this mission making sure that companies who are considering locating to areas such as the PRC will have an adequate supply of low-cost and reliable energy required to run their operations. SRP's planning for future growth requires early investment in the construction of electrical facilities, such as transmission lines and substations critical to support economic growth.

To continue to meet the needs of new business in the Price Road Corridor, SRP has conducted a robust public process, working for more than two years to gather input and determine route options for a major electrical outlet project that will provide a solution to the future electrical needs of the PRC.

Additionally, SRP has secured a route alternative on the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) for a major portion of the project. There is significant benefit of SRP partnering with the GRIC, to bring new power capability to the GRIC Utility Authority while securing a route for the proposed transmission line and reducing the overall impact of the project.

I ask for your careful consideration in your review of this proposal, and respectfully recommend approval of the Price Road Corridor 230kV Transmission Project.

Appreciatively,

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Chris Camacho  
President & CEO





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Dear Tom,

On behalf of our congregation and hundreds of children and their families who attend our schools, I just want to thank you and your team for a wonderful job of openness and honesty with the public that has resulted in a plan that is a win/win/win. It is a win for GRIC who will now have easier access to power for their own development needs into the future. It is a win for the Southeast Valley as your plan brings power to a vital job-creating corridor for our state and our community. It is a win for our area because this route, that you have worked so hard to achieve, also causes the least disruption possible to homeowners and members of the community. I am amazed that you and your team have been able to accomplish this complex task in such a short amount of time.

I know you and your team have worked long hours and have been tireless in your attempt at achieving the best solution possible for our part of the Valley. We fully support your plan, the process you managed, and the kind spirit with which your team interacted with neighborhoods. You deserve a tremendous "thank you" from our community. I can think of no higher accolade than to say you and your team are truly "caring professionals."

If I or any others in our faith community can help in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Michael D. Sproul, D. Min.  
Senior Pastor  
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Chandler, Arizona



February 24, 2015

**Your Success is Our Business**

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Commissioner Bob Burns  
Commissioner Tom Forese  
Commissioner Doug Little  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
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Dear Chairman Bittersmith and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the Price Road Corridor 230kV Transmission Line Siting Project currently proposed by Salt River Project (SRP). The Tempe Chamber engaged in the transmission siting project in early 2012 and throughout the course of the project met multiple times with SRP to receive briefings and updates. As President of Tempe Chamber, I served on the project stakeholder group.

We understand the new infrastructure proposed by this siting project is critical to providing additional electric system capacity and is needed to promote continued power reliability for the Tempe/Chandler businesses currently residing and looking to locate along the corridor. We advocate for planning now for the new power transmission that will support the high-tech development planned for the Price Road Corridor and surrounding area.

SRP has conducted a thorough process and worked diligently with the affected communities to bring forward transmission line routes and substation locations that minimize impacts to the residents while supporting future business growth. For these reasons, the Tempe Chamber requests the Arizona Corporation Commission approve SRP's application for the Price Road Corridor 230kV Transmission Line Project.

Sincerely,

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Mary Ann Miller  
President/CEO

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